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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Simultaneously with the filing of the above-identified application with which this Preliminary Amendment is being filed, and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, Applicant hereby amends the application as follows, without prejudice:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 1, delete "Specification" and add new Title of the Invention Section as follows:

-- TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Optical Laminate--;

At page 1, line 3, add new Cross-Reference Section as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/JP00/02587, filed April 20, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 9 are pending in the application.

The purpose of this amendment is to correct the headings and insert the reference to the parent application. Such amendments are formal in nature and no new matter is added by any of the above amendments. A marked up copy of the title section having the bracketed additions and stricken out deletions is enclosed to reflect these amendments. Entry of this amendment and early examination of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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[Title of the Invention]

~~Specification~~

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS
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Optical Laminate
Field of the Invention

This invention relates to optical laminates comprising a novel cholesteric liquid crystal layer which can generate a diffracted light having a polarizability.

Background of the Invention

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Diffraction elements are general-purpose optical elements widely used for the purpose of spectrally splitting light or dividing luminous flux in the field of spectroscopic optics. The diffraction elements are classified into some types according to the shape thereof. In general, they are classified into an amplitude type diffraction element in which light-transmitting parts and non-light-transmitting parts are periodically arranged; and a phase type diffraction element in which grooves are periodically formed on a high-transmittance material. Separately from this classification, they may be classified into a transmission type diffraction element and a reflection type diffraction element according to the direction in which the diffracted light is generated.

With the conventional diffraction elements as described above, the diffracted light obtained when natural light (unpolarized light) is made incident thereon is restricted to unpolarized light. With a